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SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. FCO'S WESTON TELLS US THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR SAW
MINISTER OF STATE HATTERSLEY NOON TODAY, FEBRUARY 14, TO
URGE BRITISH JOIN GREECE IN CALLING FOR UNSC MEETING
COSPONSOR SIMPLE RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT THE GOVERN-
MENT OF CYPRUS IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF
CYPRUS. HATTERSLEY SAID HMG WOULD CONSIDER REQUEST. HE
WOULD NOT COMMIT UK TO JOINT ACTION BUT WOULD NOT EX-
CLUDE UK TABLING A RESOLUTION IN DUE COURSE.

2. BRITISH ARE PREPARING A MODIFIED DRAFT OF PREVIOUSLY
PREPARED US-UK DRAFT FOR UKUN TO TRY OUT ON OTHER DELE-
GATES, INCLUDING CHRISTOPHIDES. THEY UNDERSTAND CHINESE
ARE HONORING WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY AND UNSC NOT
LIKELY TO MEET BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY.

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3. TURKISH AMBASSADOR SAW HATTERSLEY AFTER THE GREEK. HE EXPRESSED CONTINUING TURKISH SUPPORT FOR CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS AND SAID RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON CYPRUS ARE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, NOT APPROPRIATE FOR UN CONSIDERATION. HATTERSLEY SAID UK AGREES ON FIRST POINT, THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS, BUT NOT ON SECOND. UN COULD PROPERLY CONCERN ITSELF WITH INTER-COMMUNAL SITUATION ON CYPRUS.

4. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR WILL BE SEEING HATTERSLEY A LITTLE LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

5. WESTON COMMENTED TO US THAT GREEK PROPOSAL FOR A SIMPLE RESOLUTION (PARA 1) IS LESS COMPLICATED THAN VARIOUS PROPOSALS APPARENTLY BEING SUGGESTED BY GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS IN NICOSIA.

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